

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

_____ a display;

_____ a memory that stores information input by a registered member and purchase records of the registered member;

_____ an input/output interface that receives a member ID from a user terminal; and

_____ a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that:

_____ confirms the registered member based on the received member ID,

_____ upon confirmation that the member is registered, and prepares travel information in order to display a route from a starting point to a destination on the display based on the information input by the registered member, and

_____ searches for places of interest after the route has been determined using purchase records of the registered member that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID upon confirmation that the member is registered.

2. (Currently Amended) The center according to claim 1, wherein:

_____ information on a home of the member is stored in the memory; and

_____ the home of the member is set as ~~a~~the starting point on ~~a~~the route prepared by the controller as part of the travel information to be provided.

3. (Original) The center according to claim 1, wherein:

_____ the input/output interface receives key information for specifying information requested by the member from the user terminal, and

_____ the controller prepares the travel information based on the key information.

4. (Previously Presented) The center according to claim 3, wherein:
the key information is information on accommodation facilities; and
the controller selects accommodation facilities as part of the travel information to be provided.
5. (Previously Presented) The center according to claim 3, wherein:
the key information is information on tourist facilities; and
the controller selects tourist facilities as part of the travel information to be provided.
6. (Currently Amended) The center according to claim 1, wherein:
the input/output interface receives ~~a~~the destination of the user input through the user terminal, and

the controller prepares information on ~~a~~the route from ~~a~~the starting point to a the destination as part of the travel information to be provided.
7. (Previously Presented) The center according to claim 6, wherein:
the information on the route includes at least one of information on an entire route and information on particular areas along the route.
8. (Previously Presented) The center according to claim 1, wherein:
the controller prepares, upon confirmation that the member is registered, the travel information so as to include route information and information on locations of service providing facilities which are adjacent to the route and which are exclusively available to the member who has been identified based on the member information stored in the memory.
9. (Original) The center according to claim 1, further comprising:
a terminal that displays the travel information.
10. (Previously Presented) The center according to claim 1, further comprising:
a medium that stores the travel information: and

a terminal that reads the travel information stored on the medium and displays the travel information.

11. (Currently Amended) A travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on locations of information providing terminals installed at various locations;

a input/output interface that receives a member ID; and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that:

_____ confirms a registered member based on the received member ID,
_____ ~~and upon confirmation that the member is registered,~~ provides route information ~~as travel information to be provided~~ in order to display a route on the display from a starting point to a destination to a user, ~~upon confirmation that the member is registered and~~
_____ ~~searches for provides information on locations of the information~~ providing terminals after the route has been determined, which are installed adjacent to ~~thea~~ selected route that is to be traveled, which can provide the route information and which are stored in the memory.

12. (Original) The center according to claim 11, wherein:

the controller provides information on the location of the information providing terminal that sent the member ID received by the input/output interface.

13-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A travel information providing system comprising:

a terminal with a display through which a user inputs a member ID; ~~and~~

a center having a memory that stores information input by a registered member and purchase records of the registered member; and

_____ a controller that:

if it is determined from the member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member, provides the registered member with travel information in order to display a route on the display from a starting point to a destination based on the information input by the registered member, and

searches for places of interest after the route has been determined using purchase records of the registered member that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID ~~if it is determined from the member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member,~~ wherein:

the terminal displays the travel information provided by the center.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

storing information input by a registered member and purchase records of the registered member in a memory;

receiving a member ID through an input/output interface from a user terminal;

confirming through a controller that the user is the registered member with a valid member ID; and

preparing, upon confirmation that the member is registered, travel information in order to display a route on a display from a starting point to a destination based on the information input by the registered member;

searching for places of interest after the route has been determined using the and purchase records of the registered member that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID ~~upon confirmation that the member is registered.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A method of providing travel information comprising:

storing information on locations of information providing terminals installed at various locations;

receiving a member ID through an input/output interface;

confirming a registered member based on the member ID;

providing route information in order to display a route from a starting point to a destination to a user on a display as travel information to a user upon confirmation of the registered member; and

providing, after the route has been determined, information on the locations of the information providing terminals which are installed adjacent to ~~a~~the ~~selected~~ route that is to be traveled.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of providing travel information comprising:

inputting a member ID through a terminal;

storing information input by a registered member and purchase records of the registered member in a center on registered members in a memory;

providing, if it is determined from the member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member, the registered member with travel information in order to display a route on a display from a starting point to a destination based on the information input by the registered member;

searching for places of interest after the route has been determined using and purchase records of the registered member that is stored in the memory prior to receiving the member ID ~~if it is determined from the member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member~~; and

displaying the travel information provided by the center.